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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Bunker's First Weekly (SAIGON 24624)

1. Since this is Bunker's initial effort, I suggest you read at least parts of it to get a sense of his style and approach to Vietnam. The same staff that drafted Lodge's weeklies obviously put this one together, but Bunker gives the total product a personal tone and gloss rather different from Lodge's.

2. I recommend you read paragraphs 1-6 (general comments, political scene, the military juggling of the presidential candidate issue).

3. You can skip 7-15 (local elections and national electoral law juggling).

4. Paragraphs 16-22 are worth reading (the I Corps situation and the temporary return of Y Bham, the rebel Montagnard leader).

5. You can skip paragraphs 23-30 (Chieu Hoi, KIA and economic statistics and some comments on the port).

6. You should read paragraphs 31-34 (return of wives to Saigon) and paragraph 35 (conclusion).

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Attachment

Orig - Mr. Helms w/Saigon cable
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